

Remarks

The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Final Office Action dated June 6, 2007. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. By the present amendment, Claims 1 and 13 have been canceled, Claims 2, 10, 14, 22, and 24-26 have been amended, and new Claims 27 and 28 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 2-12 and 14-28 are currently pending in this application. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested, particularly in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claim 26 drew an objection for informalities. Per the Examiner's kind suggestion, Claim 26 has been amended to correct the informalities.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and/or incomplete. Claims 25 and 26 have been amended. In addition, the Examiner's attention is drawn to new Claims 27 and 28. No new matter has been added.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 1-9, 11-21, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0017913 by Hawkes et al. Claims 1 and 13 have been canceled, and Claim 24 has been

amended to track Claim 25, which was indicated as comprising allowable subject matter.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 10 and 22 drew objections for depending upon rejected base claims, but were indicated as comprising allowable subject matter. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. Accordingly, Claims 10 and 22 have been re-written in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 25 and 26 were indicated to be allowable if re-written or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, these claims have been amended to overcome the rejections. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended or re-written Claims 10, 22 and 24-26 are each in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above. Since the remaining dependent claims each depend from one of the above claims and necessarily include each of the elements and limitations thereof, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated, as well as for reciting additional patentable subject matter. Thus, each of Claims 2-12 and 14-28 is in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, reconsideration of the rejections and an early and favorable allowance of this case are earnestly solicited.

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